

## **Theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of the european integration processes: Russian and foreign experience**

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### **Abstract**

The urgency of the problem under investigation is caused by the fact that after the end of the Cold War, many domestic and inter-state relations are restructured. This restructuring goes, first of all, on the way of integration processes, also faces and generates contradictions of different nature that can be clearly seen on the example of the European Union's development. The paper is aimed at studying the scientific discussions between various Russian scientific centers and their leading experts on such issues as institutional policy, economy, common foreign and security policy, law and justice in the European Union. The leading approach to the study of this problem is the comparative analysis and document analysis method. The paper presents the most important trends in European integration in the light of the theoretical and methodological views of modern Russian political science in the field of studying fundamental problems of European integration. The main results are in-depth study of the issues of European integration in the light of theoretical and methodological approaches of the Russian science and its leading representatives. The activities of these research centers contributes to formation of a constructive dialogue between the Russian Federation and the European Union. Paper content may be useful in studying the experience of integration into the EU that will allow better understanding the processes and phenomena occurring in the post-Soviet space, offer valuable theories on simulation of organization of social, political and economic life.

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